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# Tennis bounces back in Kedah

## Association active again after more than a decade

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**M**OHd Izaudin Hamdi scored a double in the Kedah closed tennis championships at the Universiti Utara Malaysia courts in Sintok.

He won the open category singles and doubles titles.

In the singles he defeated Mohd Shamil Mazlan 8-6 before joining forces with Akmal Hakim Salleh to win the doubles title too.

The pair beat Wan Razif Mahazim and Syed Ahmad Faiz 8-2 in the doubles final recently.

This was the second tournament organised by the Kedah Tennis Association new setup after more than a decade of inactivity.

The first was an age-group tournament in September.

In the Masters singles final, Hafeez Nordin defeated Hafizal Hashim 8-4 while in the doubles final, Mohd Azahari Alee and Mohd Sharbani Nur beat the combination of Mohd Zahidi Isa and Mohd Rashid Nur 8-5 to win the title.

Datuk Zainal Ali, 76, was the oldest player to compete in the veterans event.

In the women's category, Farah Hamima Karim dominated the singles and doubles events.

She bagged the singles title defeating Ku Hazlina Ku Ee 8-5 in the final and won the round robin doubles contest with Farah Nabila as her partner.

Kedah Sports Council director Muhammad Mahazi Ibrahim and Kedah Tennis association vice-president Karim Ismail presented the prizes to the winners.

### RESULTS:

**Open singles: (S-finals)** Mohd Izaudin Hamdi bt Syed Ahmad Faiz 8-5, Mohd Shamil Mazlan bt Ahmad Nashraf 8-4; **(Final):** Mohd Izaudin Hamdi bt Mohd Shamil Mazlan 8-6.

**Doubles: (S-finals):** Wan Razif Mahazim-Syed Ahmad Faiz bt Mohd Alief-Mohd Arieff Shamida 8-6, Mohd Izaudin Hamdi-Akmal Hakim Salleh bt Mohd Bahar-Ahmad Nashraf 8-3; **(Final):** Mohd Izaudin Hamdi-Akmal Hakim Salleh bt Wan Razif Mahazim-Syed Ahmad Faiz 8-2.

**Masters singles: (S-finals):** Mohd Hafeez Nordin bt Mohd Shamizam Zabidi 8-2, Hafizal Hashim bt Mohd Bahar Alias 8-5; **(Final):** Hafeez Nordin bt Hafizal Hashim 8-4.

**Doubles: (S-finals):** Mohd Azahar Alee-Mohd Sharbani Nur bt Mohd Hafeez Nordin-Mohd Izwandy Johar 8-3, Mohd Zahidi Isa-Mohd Rashid Nur bt Mohd Zahairi Isa-Mohd Raif Ghazi 8-6; **(Final):** Mohd Azahari Alee-Mohd Sharbani Nur bt Mohd Zahidi Isa-Mohd Rashid Nur 8-5.

**Veterans singles: (S-finals):** Osman Ali bt Mohd Tarmizi 8-3, Ishak Daud bt Karim Aziz 8-7; **(Final):** Osman Ali bt Ishak Daud 8-7.

**Doubles: (S-finals):** Elias Daud-Shukor Shaari bt Osman Ali-Ishak Daud 8-3, Karim Aziz-Saidi Shamsudin bt Mohd Tarmizi-Zuki Ahmad 8-2; **(Final):** Elias Daud-Shukor Shaari bt Karim Aziz-Saidi Shamsuddin 8-6.

**Women's open: Singles (S-finals):** Ku Hazlina Ku Ee bt Nur Alia Atikah 8-4, Farah Hamima Karim bt Nurul Atikah Zainal 8-5; **(Final):** Farah Hamima Karim bt Ku Hazlina Ku Ee 8-5.

**Doubles (Round Robin): Champions:** Farah Hamima Karim-Farah Nabila. **Runners-up:** Ku Hazlina-Nurul Atikah Zainal. **Third placing:** Nur Alia Atikah-Nurul Zamali.



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▲ **Bring it on:** (From left) Siblings Mohd Alief and Mohd Arief posing with Syed Ahmad and Wan Razif Mahazim before their semi-final clash at the Universiti Utara Malaysia courts in Sintok.



► **Keep it up:** Karim Ismail (right) presenting the prizes to open singles champion Mohd Izudin.